

MULTI-FAMILY RECYCLING COMMITTEE

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Staff presented to City Council at their May 2009 meeting various options to increase recycling in the City of Greenville. One of the options was to require existing and new multi-family complexes to provide recycling facilities for their residents. City Council directed staff to develop this option and further directed staff to work with multi-family complex stakeholders to help develop a recommendation for this option prior to bringing back to Council for consideration.

Staff developed a committee composed of two members from multi-family homeowner associations, two multi-family complex owners, two representatives from multi-family management companies, one member from the Environmental Advisory Commission, and one member from the Keep Greenville Beautiful Board of Directors. The Multi-family Recycling Committee has met four times since August 2009.

The committee has worked through a series of options during their meetings. At the October 14, 2009 meeting of the Multi-family Recycling Committee, the committee made the following recommendation.

Recommendation: The proposed recommendation is that all recycling centers be installed by the City in existing complexes within two years and the City will recover the investment by adding a surcharge of \$.42 per month per multi-family household over a four year period. The proposed recommendation would require all complexes approved for construction by the City after July 1, 2010 to install facilities and the required number of recycling containers as a part of construction. After four years the surcharge will be reduced to \$.09 per month per multi-family household to continue covering the cost of maintaining all new and existing recycling centers. The costs of this option are detailed below:

Centers for existing complexes (Estimated 225)	\$ 246,750
Contingencies	\$ 20,000
Maintenance Costs	\$ 20,000
Engineering Firm Cost	<u>\$ 100,000</u>
Total Cost of this option	\$ 386,750

Due to the rapid implementation of this recommendation, an Engineering firm will assist staff with coordination and construction of the multi-family recycling centers. The process of installation will begin as soon as an Engineering firm can complete the plans for a complex and group enough centers to bid. Complexes with no present recycling centers will be prioritized, but all centers will be completed within two years.

The prioritization for installation of the centers will be to ensure all complexes have at least one recycling center and then add centers to complexes until each complex reaches the desired ratio of roll out containers to households.

Installation of recycling centers includes site preparation, concrete pad, recycling center signage, fencing around the center, roll out containers, and site repair. Sod or mulch will be installed on any disturbed area associated with installation of centers. The fencing provided for this program is pre-fabricated 4' stock wood fencing. Any request for specialized fencing that is approved by the Public Works Department will require a subsidy for the difference in costs between the complexes requested alternative fencing and the stock wood fencing. If masonry is requested and approved all additional labor will be paid by the complex and the City will not be responsible for maintenance of masonry walls. Additionally, if a complex elects to screen recycling center with shrubs or has an existing recycling center with shrubs, the city will not be responsible for installation costs, maintenance, or replacement of the shrubs.

The maintenance of all new and existing recycling centers will include roll out containers used in recycling centers, recycling center signage, and any stock 4' wood fencing that is a part of the recycling center.

When recycling centers are attached to the garbage dumpster pad fencing only the fencing around the recycling center will be maintained by Public Works as a part of this project. Gates are not encouraged but can be installed with approval of the Public Works Department. Initial cost of installing gates as well as maintenance, and replacement will be at the cost of the complex, and gates will not be maintained as a part of this program.

Additional Requirements, Recommendations, or Definitions:

- The definition of a new complex is a complex that has not received approval from the City of Greenville for their construction plan on the date of effectiveness for the ordinance change as approved by the Greenville City Council. The recommended date of effectiveness is July 1, 2010.
- All new or existing complexes will be required to be a part of this program and no fee waivers will be allowed. Complexes with existing recycling centers that meet the desired ratio will be allowed to upgrade. Complexes with existing recycling centers but do not meet the required ratio will receive additional recycling centers.
- All complexes will be encouraged to assist the City with distribution of recycling educational materials to their residents and to additionally place recycling educational material at least two times per year in their newsletters or other informational material distributed to their residents.

Proposed Timeline for this process:

Presentation to stakeholder groups (Need to identify)	Jan.- Feb. 2010
Public Meeting	February, 2010
Multi-family Recycling Committee Meeting	Late February, 2010
Present to Planning and Zoning Commission for consideration	March, 2010
Present to City Council for consideration	April, 2010
Send information to all Multi-family complex management, Associations and owners regarding program	May-June 2010
Proposed Date of Effectiveness	July, 2010

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